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TAGS: MARR, VS, PL

SUBJECT: POLISH AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON AMBASSADOR

REFS: SAIGON 382 AND 818

1. POLISH ICCS AMBASSADOR FIJALKOWSKI CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR TODAY WITH TWO BASIC PURPOSES. ONE WAS TO CALL ATTENTION, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTH, TO THE RECURRENCE OF THE "SLIPPING OVER THE BRINK" SITUATION OF IMPENDING FINANCIAL DISASTER OWING TO THE SHORTAGE IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ICCS.

2. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED DIFFICULTY OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS PROCESSES AND SAID HE HOPED THE GOVERNMENT OF VIET-NAM MIGHT ONCE AGAIN COME TO THE COMMISSION'S RESCUE. AMBASSADOR ASKED IF POLAND AND HUNGARY HAD CONSIDERED DEDUCTING AT LEAST THEIR DELEGATION EXPENSES FROM THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO HANOI. POLISH AMBASSADOR SMILED AND SAID THAT WHILE THEY HAD TAKEN UP WITH HANOI QUESTION OF CONTRIBUTION, THEY HAD NOT MADE DIRECT LINKAGE.

3. THE SECOND POINT WAS TO INFORM THE AMBASSADOR "ON INSTRUCT-
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IONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT" THAT THE POLISH DELEGATION WAS WITHDRAWING

ITS CONTINGENT FROM XUAN LOC AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE DANGERS
THE DELEGATION HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO IN RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS
(THESE DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED REFTELS).

4. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT, AS A MATTER OF CURIOSITY, HE
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAD PROTESTED
TO HANOI AND THE SO-CALLED "PRG" WHEN THE ICCS HELICOPTER WAS
SHOT DOWN SOMETIME BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL. FIJALKOWSKI REPLIED HE
DID NOT THINK SO, BUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES HAD BEEN DIFFERENT.
THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE REGRETTED VERY MUCH THE POLISH WITHDRAWAL
FROM XUAN LOC WHICH COULD SERVE NO USEFUL LONG RANGE PURPOSE
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS, WHICH ARE
STILL THE CENTRAL CONCERN OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND HE ASSUMED
ALSO OF THE GOVERNMENT IN WARSAW.

5. FIJALKOWSKI REPLIED THAT AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION THE
POLES FELT THEY HAD NO RECOURSE BUT TO WITHDRAW.

6. COMMENT: THE TONE AND CONTENT OF THE PRESENTATION ON THE
WITHDRAWAL FROM XUAN LOC WAS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO CONVEY
THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS THE POLISH DESIRE THAT THIS ACTION
NOT SERIOUSLY IMPINGE ON EITHER POLISH-AMERICAN BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIPS OR ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE POLISH ICCS CON-
TINGENT WITH THE EMBASSY.
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